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Eastern Idaho Man Sentenced For Migratory Bird Treaty Act Violation

Roger Duane Hamann, of Chubbock, Idaho, has been placed on probation for 20 months and ordered to pay \$1,200 restitution for violations of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald E. Bush also prohibited Hamann from hunting or fishing during his probation or associating with anyone engaged in those activities. The judge ordered Hamann to get permission from his probation officer before conducting any activity on public land.

Law enforcement officers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game seized the carcasses of 89 ducks and 45 geese from the Hamman's driveway on January 8, 2009. The legal possession limit is 14 ducks and 8 geese.

Hamann pleaded guilty May 7, 2010, in U.S. District Court in Idaho Falls to one count of violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for over-possession. The birds were killed on Fort Hall Indian Reservation tribal lands. Hamann's sentence includes \$1200 in restitution to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Fish and Game Department Reward Fund.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service treats violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and other federal fish and wildlife laws very seriously, said FWS Special Agent Dirk Hoy. "We will continue to work cooperatively with other federal, state and tribal law enforcement to enforce these laws."

The seized waterfowl were forfeited to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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